

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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Wonsan Port Naval Headquarters

1. [REDACTED] the Wonsan port naval headquarters was in three air-raid shelters at CU-643364, in Wonsan (N 39-09, E 127-27) (CU-6634).<sup>1</sup> The 1 Company was at CU-641368, near Songhung-ni (N 39-10, E 127-25) (CU-6336); the 2 Company was at CU-621383, in the Songjung-ni (N 39-11, E 127-24) (CU-6238) area; and the 3 Company was at CU-600408, near Kwansang-ni (N 39-13, E 127-22) (CU-5942). Equipment included 35 heavy machine guns, 15 light machine guns, rifles, pistols, 1 Soviet-made radio, 1 jeep, 9 horse-carts, and 15 horses. 25X1

1 Combat Squadron, North Korean Navy

2. [REDACTED] the 1 Combat Squadron of the North Korean navy, also known as the 587 Navy Unit, consisted of approximately 30 vessels of various types, all based at approximately YC-086879, at Masan-dong in the port of Chinnamp'o (N 38-44, E 125-24) (YC-0989). Of these 30 vessels, only the torpedo boats and the mine-layers were ready for combat. Forty percent of the torpedo boats and mine-layers were converted commercial vessels; the remaining 60 percent had been constructed since the beginning of the Korean war. 25X1
- [REDACTED] the tonnage output of the North Korean shipyards had increased approximately 150 percent [REDACTED]. If production facilities were available, it was planned to place all vessels of the 1 Combat Squadron in combat readiness and to increase its over-all strength. A submarine squadron, being trained at Port Arthur, was to combine with the 1 Combat Squadron at Chinnamp'o. The mission of the 1 Combat Squadron was to guard 25X1

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against United Nations amphibious operations, to protect North Korean supply routes, to apprehend intelligence agents and smugglers, and to make hit-and-run strikes against United Nations naval units off the west coast of North Korea. Rear Admiral KIM Ch'ang-tok (6855/2490/1795) was the commander of the 1 Combat Squadron.<sup>2</sup>

#### Operational Divisions, 1 Combat Squadron

3. [ ] the 1 Combat Squadron had the following five operational divisions, which worked in co-ordination with a 1,000-ton, frigate-type flagship, which was constructed at the Haeju (N 38-02, E 125-42) (YC-3713) shipyard [ ]
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- a. Torpedo Division : Chief, Commander CHANG Mun-yŏng (1728/2429/3057); 12 vessels (gross tonnage 2,255 tons); 10 vessels under construction.
  - b. Mine-laying Division : Chief, Commander RA Hwang-chin (5012/1854/6966); 9 wooden hull vessels (gross tonnage 562 tons), 2 steel hull vessels (260 tons each), and 7 x 6-ton wooden vessels in operation.
  - c. Landing Craft Division : 5 escort vessels of steel construction and 18 landing vessels of wooden construction in operation.
  - d. Guard Division : 6 vessels under construction.
  - e. Special Attack Division.

#### Description of Vessels, 1 Combat Squadron

4. a. One frigate-type flagship

Weight	1,000 tons
Length	78 meters
Width	8.9 meters
Draft	2.2 meters
Engine	Japanese diesel, 3,000 horsepower (sic)
Speed	14-16 knots per hour
Crew	130
Armament	2 x 3-inch guns
	2 x 40-mm. anti-aircraft guns
	6 x 20-mm. anti-aircraft guns
	7 torpedo launchers
	3 x 8-tube rocket launchers

- b. Two 260-ton mine-layers

Length	42 meters
Width	6.9 meters
Draft	1.6 meters
Engine	Japanese-made diesel
Speed	12-14 knots per hour

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Crew	56
Armament	2 x 40-mm. twin-barrel anti-aircraft guns 4 heavy machine guns 2 x 13-mm. machine guns

## c. Seven 6-ton (sic) mine-layers

Crew	6
Armament	1 heavy machine gun 1 light machine gun

## d. Five 250-ton torpedo boats

Length	40 meters
Width	7 meters
Draft	1.7 meters
Speed	16 knots per hour
Crew	50
Armament	2 torpedo launchers 2 rocket launchers 4 machine guns 3 heavy machine guns

## e. Seven 150-ton torpedo boats

Length	25 meters
Width	4.5 meters
Draft	1 meter
Engine	diesel
Speed	16 knots per hour
Crew	38
Armament	4 torpedo launchers 1 rocket launcher 2 light machine guns 2 heavy machine guns

Naval Mine-laying, 1 Combat Squadron

5. [redacted] mines were laid on two occasions by one of the 260-ton mine-layers of the 1 Combat Squadron and on thrity occasions by the SAN HO, one of the 6-ton mine-layers of the 1 Combat Squadron. Six of these mines were laid in a semi-circle at XC-635505, approximately 1 1/2 miles from the coast of Unyu-myon (N 38-24, E 124-57) (XC-7052). A number of mines were laid in the area of YC-555296, near Monggump'o (N 38-11, E 124-47) (XC-5627). The mines laid by the 1 Combat Squadron were made in the Soviet Union in 1946, were of the magnetic type, and each weighed 100 kilograms. The automatic condensers installed in the heads of the mines were effective under water for 12 days. Mines and torpedoes were stored at YC-017203, near Myo-gol (N 38-06, E 125-29) (YC-1819), and in an area 650 meters northwest of Toktong-ni (N 38-45, E 125-20) (YC-0391).

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the Wonsan Naval Base Command was known as the 597 Naval Unit and its activities were directed by the North Korean naval headquarters, near On-dong (N 39-06, E 125-50) (YD-4531).

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the Chinnamp'o Naval Base Command, with 200 men, was in trenches at YC-086887, near Chinnamp'o, under the command of Major General KIM Ch'ang-tok.

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